

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on October 17, 2007.

Claims 1, 3, 7-12, 14, 22 and 25 are amended, and claims 2, 4, 18 and 24 are canceled; as a result, claims 1, 3, 5-17, 19-23 and 25-30 are now pending in this application.

Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 12-17, 19 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Hughes (US Patent 6,185,222)*. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hughes* in view of *Isoyama et al. (US Patent 6,810,038)*. Claims 22, 23, 25-28 and 30 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hughes* in view of *Crowther et al. (US Patent 5,751,710)*. Claim 29 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hughes* in view of *Crowther et al.* and *Isoyama et al.*

Independent claims 1, 12 and 22 have been amended to include the features of dependent claims 4, 18 and 24 respectively that were considered allowable by the examiner. The Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are therefore moot and accordingly should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 9, 18, 20 and 24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4 was rewritten into independent form as claim 1. The Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 1 (claim 4) and claims 3 and 5-11 that depend therefrom are now allowable.

Claim 18 was rewritten into independent form as claim 12. The Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 12 (claim 18) and claims 13-17 and 19-21 that depend therefrom are now allowable.

Claim 24 was rewritten into independent form as claim 22. The Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 22 (claim 24) and claims 23 and 25-30 that depend therefrom are now allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (215-230-5511) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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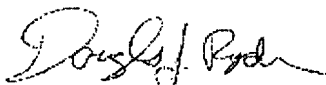
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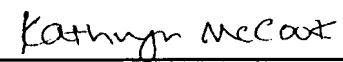
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